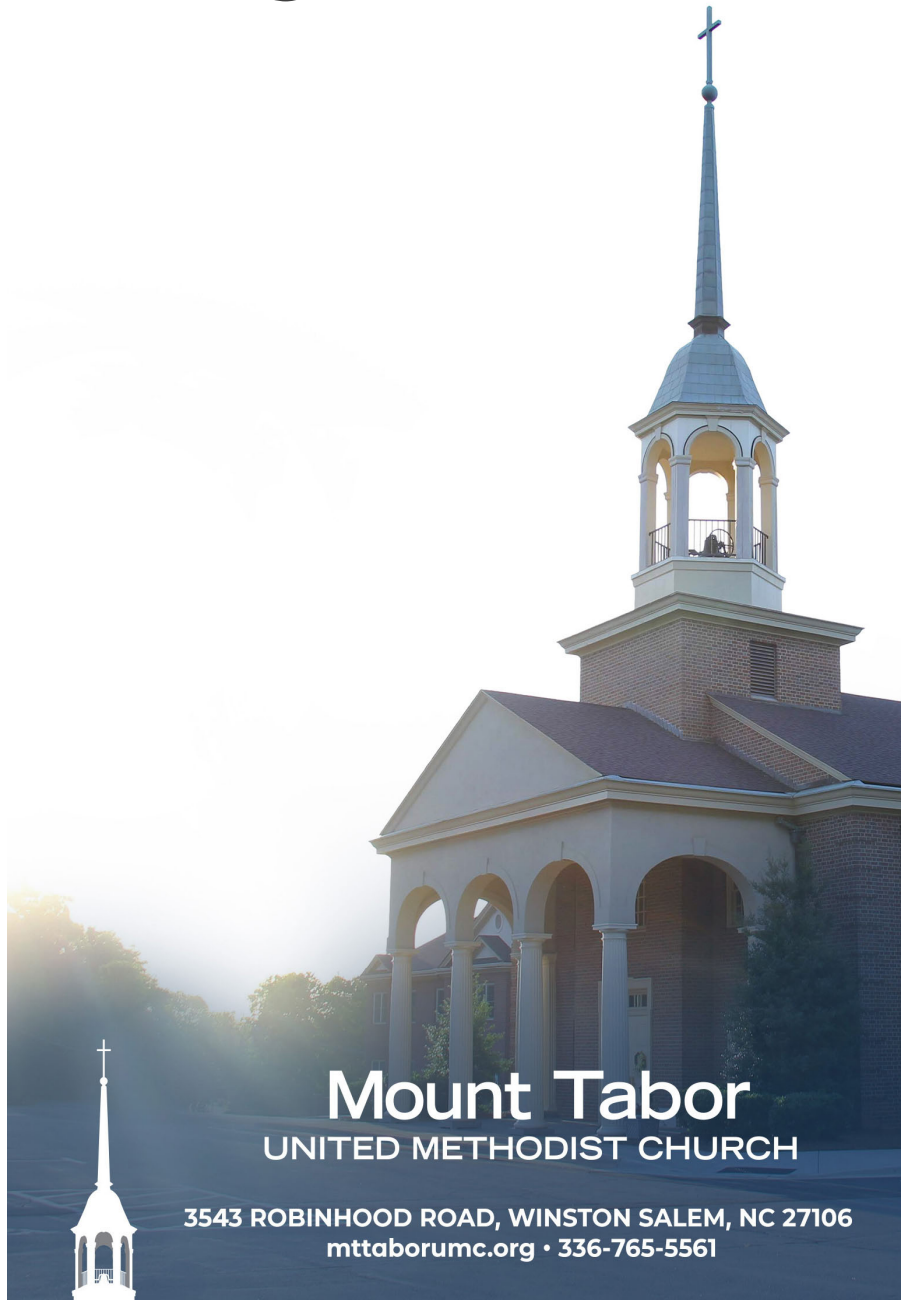


March 23, 2025

*That's a Great
Question*



Mount Tabor
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Traditional Order of Worship
3rd Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 23, 2025 — 11:00am

Hearing enhancement devices and large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

Prelude	<i>Joyful Song</i> Tabor Bells	Wayne Kerr
Welcome		Charles Trottier
Introit	<i>My Song Is Love Unknown</i>	LOVE UNKNOWN
* Call to Worship (Psalm 63)		
Lord, you are our God.		
We will praise you with joyful lips.		
Lord, you are our God.		
Our souls thirst for you.		
Lord, you are our God.		
We behold your power and majesty.		
Lord, you are our God.		
We will bless you all of the days of our lives.		
* Hymn # 368	<i>My Hope Is Built</i>	THE SOLID ROCK
* Affirmation of Faith # 881	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	
* Prayer of Confession		
<p>This is the season of turning. We are called on this journey to turn our lives to the Lord, to turn away from all those things which have harmed us and others; to separate ourselves from actions and attitudes that demean and destroy. It is far too easy for us to sink into the mire of self-pity and self-serving attitudes, wondering why everything isn't coming our way. We want comfort, contentment, no stress, no struggle. Yet our lives are filled with stress and discontent. We hurt, Lord. We hurt in our bodies and our souls. We hurt in our relationships with others. How we must try your patience! We don't want to be like this - we want to feel the warmth of your love, the freedom of your spirit, the joy of serving you. Forgive us for our selfishness. Heal us. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus.</p>		
* Gloria Patri # 71	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	GREATOREX
* Assurance and Time of Greeting		Pastor David Beam
<p><i>Children (3 years old-5th grades) may leave to participate in TaborKids Worship today. Parents will pick them up in the Children's Building immediately following the service.</i></p>		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>Faith</i> Tabor Bells	Paul McKlveen
* Doxology # 95	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD 100 th
* Hymn #662	<i>Stand Up and Bless the Lord</i>	ST. MICHAEL
Scripture	Luke 13:1-9 (The Message)	Pastor David Beam
Message	<i>"That's a Great Question"</i>	
* Hymn # 375	<i>There Is a Balm in Gilead</i>	BALM IN GILEAD
* Benediction		Pastor David Beam
* Chiming of the Trinity		
* Benediction Response	<i>Lead Me, Lord</i>	LEAD ME, LORD
Postlude	<i>Pièce No. 24</i>	André Fleury
*Please stand in body or in spirit		

WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam
Liturgist: Charles Trottier
Acolyte: James Campbell & Eli Deen

Dir. of Traditional Worship Arts: Lauren Harris
Organist: Jessica Beitel

Modern Worship
Sunday, March 23, 2025
9:00am

Gathering Song
You Are Good—

**Welcome, Announcements,
and Call to Worship**

Praise and Worship
From The Day — I Am They
Rattle! — Elevation Worship

Tabor KIDS Dismissal

Congregational & Offertory Prayer

Offertory
Rescue — Lauren Daigle

Scripture
Luke 13:1-9 (The Message)

Today's Message
"That's a Great Question"

Closing Song
Drenched — Bethel

Sending Forth

Today's Worship Leaders
Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam
Modern Worship Coordinator: Jim Annas
Worship Host: Maria Ogenengbe
Prayer Leader: Dave Stith

WELCOME TO MOUNT TABOR UMC

Welcome to Mount Tabor and please feel at home! If you are a first-time guest, **text the word "Hello" to 336-777-7990**. Also stop by the Trinity Welcome Center Desk or a Welcome Kiosk on your way out to receive a welcome gift. The mission of Mount Tabor UMC is to “Gather Joyfully, Grow Spiritually, Go Faithfully to spread the love of Christ.” **If you would like to explore ways to Gather, Grow, Go, text "Connect" to 336-777-7990**. Prayer requests can be submitted at www.mttaborumc.org/prayer or by contacting Director of Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation Kim Harvey (336-765-5561 or kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Nursery care and Mother’s Room are available for all services. Children interested in participating in TaborKIDS worship may leave the service at the appropriate time. Wheelchairs are available for use while on church property and the church offices are open Mon.-Fri., 9am-NOON and Mon.-Thurs., 1-5pm. See the church website at www.mttaborumc.org for more info.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit announcement info at least two weeks in advance to charity.goff@mttaborumc.org.

GATHER JOYFULLY

- * **You can worship at MTUMC** on Sundays at: Modern Worship at 9:00am in the Alspaugh Worship Center or Traditional Worship at 11:00am in the Sanctuary. Both services are also available via Facebook Live and <https://www.YouTube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming>.
- * ***Please remember that this is a meaningful and important moment of worship. In the spirit of this special time with our Lord, we ask that you silence and put away all electronic devices during our worship services.***

GROW SPIRITUALLY & GO FAITHFULLY

- * **Wednesday Tabor Table Fellowship Dinner** will meet Wednesday, March 26 from 5:15-6:30pm in the Family Life Center with reservations made either at <https://www.mttaborumc.org/tabor-table> or in the Trinity Welcome Center. Suggested donation is \$10 for adult (age 13 and up), \$7 for child (age 3-12), free for children under 3. For those living in same home, family max is \$30. **The menu is: Baked Spaghetti, Broccoli, Salad Bar, Desserts, and Drinks. Children’s option is: Chicken Tenders.**
- * **TODAY is your LAST Chance to place your Easter Plant Orders** on the church website, www.mttaborumc.org/event/2024-easter-plant-order . For \$12 each, choose from your choice of an Easter lily, yellow mum, or salmon geranium in memory or honor of a loved one to decorate the Sanctuary or Alspaugh Worship Center on Easter Sunday, April 20. Please remember to memo EASTER PLANT on all payments. If paying online, also select “Special Contribution” in the FUND drop-down menu. **Order deadline is Sunday, March 23, 2025.**
- * **Living on the Edge Experience on Sunday, March 23**—4:00 – 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Church for All People and the Youth Ministry invite you to a presentation and interactive experience that will offer a better understanding of the causes of poverty and discussion of how poverty affects our community.
- * **Great Day of Service on Saturday, March 29** is our annual church-wide morning of serving community organizations across Winston-Salem. It’s an opportunity for members to build relationships and serve organizations that provide crucial services throughout the year. Sign-up today in the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact Steve Mann.
- * **TaborKIDS Junior friends that are 2 & 3 years old are invited to Hide & Seek with Jesus: a special Holy Week experience on April 2 from 6-7:15pm.**

- * **Moms Fellowship** meets the first Thursday of each month (April 3) from 9:15 - 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. This is a time for mothers of young children to meet for a heartfelt prayer, a short devotion with discussion, and fellowship. Childcare will be provided with registration done by 5 PM the night before the meeting. Register here: bit.ly/mtmomfellowship Questions? Contact Sandy Hauser SandyLHauser@gmail.com
- * **Families are invited to the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 6** from 12:15-2:00pm. Check in for the Egg Hunt will be in the lower parking lot at the tent. Families should bring a picnic lunch or one prepared by Ms. Sheri. Lunches will be ready at 12:15 PM for pick up from the Fellowship Hall. Register for lunch here: bit.ly/mteggghunt25
- * On **Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30pm you are welcome to join us for our quarterly Church Council & Charge Conference meeting** in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to join us but only current Church Council members will be able to vote on any action items that may be brought up for a vote.
- * **TaborKIDS Junior** friends that are 4 years old - Kindergarten are invited to experience the Last Supper and the events of Holy Week on Wednesday, April 9 5:45-7:15 PM. Children should eat dinner prior to the event. They will have some snacks as part of the event but not a full meal. Register here: bit.ly/tkjrlastsupper25
- * **TaborKIDS (1st - 5th Grades) are invited to make Resurrection Gardens** on Wednesday, April 9 from 6-7:15 PM. Register here: bit.ly/tkresgarden
- * **Women of all ages are invited to attend the Women's Day Away Event** at Starrette Farm Retreat on Saturday, April 12, 9:30 -3:30 pm. Ann Starrette will be our speaker. The theme is: "Finding and Practicing Peace Along the Way." We will enjoy fellowship and food, some relaxing activities, including time to explore the beautiful grounds, and encouragement and ways to help us find peace in our life's journey. Cost is \$25 and registration forms are available in the online, welcome center, sanctuary narthex, and in the church office. For questions contact Kim Harvey, Director of Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation, at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org or 336-765-5561.
- * **Registration is now open for kids and volunteers for VBS June 16-19!** All are invited to join the fun at VBS camp where kids (and volunteers!) will "wannastay" all summer! Register here: <https://vbspro.events/p/91a6e7>
- * **All Children are invited to wave palms and participate in the Palm Sunday Processional on Sunday, April 13** during the Traditional Service. We will practice during Sunday School and remain in our small groups until it is time for the Processional during the service.
- * **TaborTWEENS** (4th & 5th Graders) are invited to the movies with Ms. Marcey on April 13 at 3:15 PM! We will be seeing King of Kings, an animated film about the King of Kings released by Angel Studios. Register here: bit.ly/tabortweenmovies
- * **Pictorial Directory time is here!** It is time to practice your best family smiles, as we prepare to update our Mount Tabor UMC Pictorial Directory. Portrait appointments are available on April 23-26 and May 7-8. Every family is asked to make an appointment for a FREE photo session - and you will each receive a FREE 8x10 and a FREE printed pictorial directory! You can sign up for a portrait session for your family on Sunday mornings in the Welcome Center and outside the children's building, on Wednesday nights during Tabor Table - or online at bit.ly/MTUMCphotos.
- * **NEW MTUMC Online Business Directory!** We are gathering information for a new Online Business Directory where church members can list their businesses for free. Other church members can look here first when they have a need, thus supporting fellow church members - and our businesses can reach new customers! Listings will be gathered during Pictorial Directory photo sessions, or you can use the website link to submit your business information now. bit.ly/MTUMCBusinessDirectory

Mount Tabor at a Glance — Church Calendar

Real-time calendar is available at mttaborumc.org/calendar



Sunday, March 23, 2025

9:00 AM	Modern Worship Service	Alspaugh Worship Center
9:30 AM	Blessings Brunch	263/265
10:00 AM	Child, Tween, Youth, & Adult Sunday School Classes	
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Beginning Handbells	Choir Room
4:00 PM	Living on the Edge Poverty Worship	
5:30 PM	Fusion Youth Main Event	Youth Commons Area

Monday, March 24, 2025

8:00 AM	Bulletin & In The Know Email Submission Deadline	
9:00 AM	Church Business Admin Mtg	Rm 207
10:00 AM	Programming Staff Meeting	Rm 200
11:00 AM	TaborWOMEN Circle 7	Fellowship Hall
12:00 PM	Nar-Anon Family Support Group	Rm 108
1:30 PM	Staff Meeting	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Voices of God's Children Choir	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 934	Rm 113
7:00 PM	Men's Basketball	Family Life Center

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

10:00 AM	Worship Planning Meeting	Rm 207
6:30 PM	Cub Scout - Pack 934 Den	Rm 122
7:00 PM	Modern Worship Band Rhrl	Alspaugh Worship Center

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

6:50 AM	High School Prayer Breakfast	Chick-fil-A Peacehaven
9:30 AM	Weds Women's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
3:30 PM	GriefShare Support Group	Rm 101
5:15 PM	Tabor Table Fellowship Meal	Family Life Center
6:00 PM	TaborKids	263/265
6:00 PM	TaborKids Junior Pray'n & Play'n	166
6:00 PM	The Hardest Part Lenten Study	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	DivorceCare	Rm 108 Church Parlor
6:45 PM	Adult Volleyball Game	Family Life Center

Thursday, March 27, 2025

7:30 AM	Band of Brothers In-person/Zoom	Rm 306
12:00 PM	Endowment Committee Mtg	Rm 207
6:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00 PM	Modern Worship Band Rhrl	Alspaugh Worship Center

Friday, March 28, 2025

Saturday, March 29, 2025

8:00 AM	Great Day of Service	
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Our Response to God's Grace...

BUDGET PLEDGES FOR 2025 as of Jan. 26, 2025	March 16, 2025 ATTENDANCE	
	Online Worship	126
	In-person Worship	327
# Pledges: 252 for Pledge Total of \$1,318,613	March 16, 2025 GIVING	
	Budget Needs Each Week	\$34,811.00
	Budget Gifts	\$19,570.75
	Event Payments	\$67.00
	Other	\$6,861.46
	Total	\$26,499.21

Lenten Series: "The Hardest Part"
"That's a Great Question"

The Third Sunday in Lent — March 23, 2025

Luke 13:1-9 (The Message)

¹⁻⁵About that time some people came up and told him about the Galileans Pilate had killed while they were at worship, mixing their blood with the blood of the sacrifices on the altar. Jesus responded, "Do you think those murdered Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans? Not at all. Unless you turn to God, you, too, will die. And those eighteen in Jerusalem the other day, the ones crushed and killed when the Tower of Siloam collapsed and fell on them, do you think they were worse citizens than all other Jerusalemites? Not at all. Unless you turn to God, you, too, will die."

⁶⁻⁷Then he told them a story: "A man had an apple tree planted in his front yard. He came to it expecting to find apples, but there weren't any. He said to his gardener, 'What's going on here? For three years now I've come to this tree expecting apples and not one apple I have found. Chop it down! Why waste good ground with it any longer?'"

⁸⁻⁹"The gardener said, 'Let's give it another year. I'll dig around it and fertilize, and maybe it will produce next year; if it doesn't, then chop it down.'"

What questions do you have for Jesus?

**How do you understand why bad things happen to good people?
How do you respond to suffering?**

How much of our faith and belief is built around thinking that the good are rewarded and the bad are punished by God?

How do we reconcile being recipients of God's grace through Jesus Christ and being accountable for our sins and our response to God's gift?

How do you understand Jesus' parable of the fruit tree?



Easter Flowers

For \$12 each, you may buy your choice of a white Easter Lily, 6-inch yellow mum, or 6-inch salmon geranium plant in memory or honor of a loved one to help decorate the Sanctuary or Alspaugh Worship Center on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025.

Deadline is Sunday, March 23, 2025

Download order form at MtTaborUMC.org/event/easter-flowers/2025
 Email completed form to Charity.Goff@MtTaborUMC.org
 Payment can be made online at MtTaborUMC.org/give



Great Day of Service

March 29, 2025

Annual church-wide morning of serving local community service organizations.

Projects:
 Ronald McDonald House,
 Crossnore Children's Home,
 Crisis Control Ministries,
 Open Arms,
 Samaritan Ministries,
 Sunnyside Ministries
 and more.

Signup boards will be in the Welcome Center soon.

Questions? Call Steve Mann at 336-926-1028

UMCOR SUNDAY

March 30, 2025

Your generous gift today ensures UMCOR responds quickly to disasters.

UMCOR equips local churches, annual conferences and nonprofit organizations to be in mission with their communities, to respond to those left most vulnerable during challenging times. Funds given on UMCOR Sunday join with those of millions of United Methodists to help cover the costs of doing business, from training Conference Disaster Coordinators and Early Response Teams to keeping the office lights on.

Donations accepted payable to Mount Tabor UMC designating "UMCOR Sunday" either online (MtTaborUMC.org/give) or by check in offering plate/basket

Sponsored by Circle 5

Community Shred Event

Saturday, April 5 | 9 AM – Noon
 Lower Parking Lot

Monetary donations will be accepted benefiting food programs serving children in Forsyth County and other missions of Tabor Women.

Holy Week

at Mount Tabor UMC

The Nursery will be open for infants - kindergarten for each Holy Week service.



- April 13 | Palm Sunday**
 9 AM in the Alspaugh Worship Center
 11 AM in the Sanctuary
- April 17 | Maundy Thursday**
 7 PM in the Alspaugh Worship Center
- April 18 | Good Friday**
 7 PM in the Sanctuary
- April 20 | Easter Sunday**
 8 AM in the Sanctuary
 9 AM in the Alspaugh Worship Center
 11 AM in the Sanctuary